



## ABILENE REFLECTOR.

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HENRY LITTS, Editor.

Home—Which Shall It Be.

He. "Wife, the nuptial knot is tied,  
For you I will provide  
A home upon some flowery lea;  
Where silver rills run to the sea.  
"Where passion's turbulent tide,  
Never shall our lives divide,  
If you'll be gentle, kind to me;  
Constant, loving as I to thee.  
"Come, my beautiful blue-eyed bride,  
Now standing by my side;  
Say, which shall home be,  
Heaven or hell with thee?"

She. "Husband, dearest now of mine,  
Here I pledge and sign:  
That friends shall never be,  
Invited to our home by me.  
"Upon this wedding morn of life,  
I pledge thee as a wife,  
That from the gods of grace,  
Shall never see upon my face.  
"Our home shall be a haven,  
If such to mortals be given;  
And hardly in Paradise there,  
May be found a spot more fair."

Both. "Then faithful let us stand,  
As we walk hand in hand,  
To these pledges profound;  
While the years roll around."  
—John Preston Campbell.

### An Oppressed Son-in-Law.

They tell a good story of a man in one of the surrounding towns who came home towards midnight decidedly the worse for wear. He might have fared pretty well had he not worn his hat to his bedroom. This gave him away. "John," said the offended wife, "why didn't you take your hat off?" "Sh!" said John, "I'm all right; how's self?" "You are not all right, John. Why didn't you take off your hat?" "Sh! sh! my dear; da'sh all right. I thought first would take it off, but was 'fraid I might wake up your poor mother."—*Buffalo Commercial.*

### The Referendum in Switzerland.

There is no country on earth which tries so many experiments in governing as does Switzerland. It is, indeed, a model republic in many respects. Its people are divided in religion and in language. Some of the cantons are intensely Roman Catholic, others are as devotedly Protestant. Then, German is the tongue of one portion of the country, Italian of another, while French is the language in the region near Geneva. But, somehow, though party spirit often runs high, the governmental machine runs with tolerable smoothness. No country on earth is so democratic. All important laws, before they go into force, have to get the direct endorsement of the voters. The verdict at the polls is called the "referendum." Hence the elections in Switzerland are educating. The people discuss every proposition for a new enactment. The politician, the candidate for office, is of small moment in that republic; for the people debate upon, and then make their own laws.—*Democrat Magazine.*

### Congressman Springer Writes a Card.

House of Representatives, U. S. 1  
WASHINGTON, D. C. Mch. 20, 1887.

To the Editor of the World:  
In the World of yesterday I find the following statement in your editorial article entitled "But Three Calls More," namely:

"What shall be done with the surplus? There is nothing that can be done except to hoard it, or to pay it out in the purchase of irredeemable bonds at a premium that will amount to the prepayment to bondholders of four years' unearned interest in addition to the discount value of the money."

It is conceded that the remaining bonds subject to call will be redeemed at the close of the present fiscal year, June 30 next. The bonded debt will then consist of \$250,000,000 of four and one-half per cent., due in September, 1891, and of \$737,000,000 of four per cent., due in 1907. If the surplus revenue of the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, should be applied to the purchase of \$100,000,000 of the four and one-half per cent. bonds, they would cost the government 109 in the market, or \$109,000,000. The interest for four years at 4 1/2 per cent. would, however, be saved, amounting to the sum of \$18,000,000. Thus the interest saved would exceed the premium paid for the bonds by \$9,000,000. It is misleading to estimate "the discount value of the money." The government cannot use its revenues as a private banker can. It must either hoard it or pay it out for the expenses of government as provided by Congress, or in payment of its debts.

While it is to be regretted that Congress has not reduced the revenue by reducing taxes, yet as long as the government has a bond outstanding which may be paid or purchased it can never have, strictly speaking, a surplus. The payment of our bonds is not a misfortune unless a "national debt is a national blessing."

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### A Matter of Taste.

Young Mrs. Vassarline—You are sure this is real English breakfast tea, Mr. Grocer?  
"Oh, yes, we warrant it."  
"Well, I'll take a pound if you are sure. Our visitors are from London, and I should be dreadfully mortified to give them Japan tea by mistake."

"I suppose," savagely observed the chairman of the board of examiners, "that we ought to look over the accounts of the county treasurer."  
"I think he is all right," replied one of the members.  
"What makes you?"  
"Well, he's got two patches on his Sunday pants, and his wife was working like a nailer yesterday to get a thirty-cent dress for twenty-nine cents a yard."  
The books were not examined.—*Ex.*  
No allusion in the above to our county treasurer.

### Where Honest Men Agree.

Ex-Senator Thurman, of Ohio, and ex-Governor Robinson, of Massachusetts are men highly honored by their respective parties. Both of them called on the president the other day and had long interviews with him, and were subsequently asked what they thought about Mr. Cleveland. "He is an honest, able man," said the Ohio Democrat. "The president is a strong, honest man," said the Massachusetts Republican; "he means to do just right every time." It is evident to anybody who studies the drift of public opinion that this is the impression which Mr. Cleveland is making upon all candid men.

### Encouragement to Large Families.

The result of a census taken in France has just been announced. That nation, it seems, has but little over 38,000,000 of inhabitants, and the increase of population, for thirty years past, has been less than in any other country in Europe. French journalists and publicists take this very much to heart, as the Germans, their great enemies, their great enemies, are increasing rapidly. A law was passed, not long since, to encourage large families; every seventh child is to be cared for and educated by the state. Another project is to allow the father of a family an additional vote, or fraction of a vote, for each son or daughter.

### The Kansas State Normal School.

EMPORIA, Kas. Mch. 22, 1887.

EDITOR REFLECTOR:

Thinking some of your readers may desire to learn something of the State Normal School, I shall endeavor to communicate to such, a few items of special interest. The first thing to note is the rapid growth and prosperity of the school.

Of the 700 pupils enrolled, 500 are grown. Married men and women, old men and maidens, all flock to our school, seeming to think "It is never too old to learn," consequently, we have a very earnest, energetic class of students, and the work is steadily advancing.

As class after class has at last reached the lofty summit, and from there view this magnificent, prospering state, they evidently feel that at last their feet rest on solid ground, and the future opens up before them as bright and glorious as one can well imagine, and as they pass out, others push forward to fill their places.

The growth of the school has made it necessary to build an addition, which in appearance, will be very much like the present building, and as the state has kindly granted us \$25,000 for the above, work will begin in thirty days from date.

I forgot to mention how the students hailed the announcement of the appropriation. At half past seven the bell rang merrily, calling us from our homes, and several places of abode, to the scene of pleasure. Bonfires, red lights, bands, etc., greeted us, as we approached. We repaired to the assembly room where we had speeches, new songs, (very appropriate, I assure you,) many hurrahs, hand shakes, etc., etc. It is needless to say we had a crowded house, and every one felt it was good to be there.

I feel that I must mention the fact that new classes will be formed April 12, in Physiology, Kindergarten, Book-keeping, U. S. History, Civil Law, Vocal Music, and Drawing, giving an opportunity to scholars to enter at that time without inconvenience. Those holding certificates are admitted without examination to special classes in Kindergarten and Physiology.

Those wishing to enter a good institution could not do better than to come and enjoy the Kansas State Normal.

MARY M. HOWLAND.

The long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce law is susceptible of so many different interpretations that it will not be difficult for Mr. Morrison to construe it to mean, among other things, that Randall Democrats and Jehu Baker shall not be allowed to ride on the cars.—*Chicago Times.*

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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